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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 9 June 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.